

# Worker Training Grants, Trade Alert for US Hardwoods and more!

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## Worker Training for Manufacturing Occupations Available

The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) – Office of Skills Development (OSD) recently released a Manufacturing Grant Program Announcement (GPA) under Governor Walker's [Wisconsin Fast Forward](#) (WFF) initiative. Wisconsin employers and workforce partners are encouraged to submit innovative and collaborative customized training grant applications for up to \$400,000 to upskill manufacturing industry workers.

Visit the WFF website to access the now available [Manufacturing GPA](#). **Deadline to Apply:** December 7, 2016 at 11:59 p.m.

**Award Amount:** \$5,000 to \$400,000/. Please [contact](#) OSD with questions regarding the WFF – Manufacturing GPA

## Trade Alert (India) – Import Permit No Longer Required for US Hardwoods

The American Hardwood Export Council has been notified by the USDA-FAS post in New Delhi that permits for US hardwood lumber are no longer required by the Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage. Until this time, certain hardwood species required an import permit.

All other conditions relating to the import procedures for US hardwood lumber remain unchanged. For further information on AHEC's work on Market Access for US hardwoods in India, please contact Roderick Wiles ([rod@americanhardwood.org](mailto:rod@americanhardwood.org)).

## Upcoming Events

### Food Show Plus! at SIAL Canada

May 2-4, 2017/ Toronto, Canada

Early Registration Deadline for FSP!: January 9, 2017 - \$225

Opportunities Abound in Canada. [Save \\$600 on your USA Pavilion booth rental](#) at SIAL Canada if you register by November 4, 2016! And don't forget to sign up for [Food Show Plus! Services](#) being offered by Food Export Association of the Midwest.

SIAL Canada 2017, is the ONLY food show in Canada dedicated to

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both the retail AND foodservice trade. Canada is the ideal market to target U.S. food and agricultural exports with its close proximity, common language and similar culture. Covering every aspect of the Canadian food & beverage industry, SIAL Canada provides the perfect platform for US exporters to meet with key Canadian buyers.

#### **Buyers Mission at Global Pet Food Expo**

March 21, 2017 / Orlando, Florida

Early Registration Deadline: January 17, 2017 - \$150

Food Export will be conducting a Pet Food Buyers Mission in conjunction with the 2017 [Global Pet Expo](#). The 2016 show reported record-breaking numbers with nearly 15,500 visitors in attendance. Pet populations continue to grow around the world and particularly in developing countries. Global retail pet food sales are expected to reach another record in 2017 as the trend away from table scraps continues in developing markets while consumers in more advanced markets shift to specialty and health-centered pet foods. This is the perfect low-cost opportunity to meet qualified buyers from around the world in one place!

#### **VIV Asia**

March 15-17, 2017 / Bangkok, Thailand

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection will lead Wisconsin businesses to Bangkok, Thailand to exhibit at the VIV Asia Tradeshow. VIV Asia is the largest international platform for Southeast Asia's booming animal protein production and processing industry. Held every two years in Bangkok, VIV Asia has propelled itself to become the most important gateway to Asia's emerging markets for professionals throughout Asia involved in producing and processing animal proteins. Wisconsin's livestock and animal genetics companies, feed companies, farm supply companies, agricultural equipment companies, livestock service companies and agricultural associations are encouraged to participate and exhibit at the Wisconsin booth during VIV Asia.

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#### **China International Dairy Expo and Summit**

May 11-13, 2017 / Harbin, China

China International Dairy Expo and Summit is an annual dairy industry event focused on the entire supply chain of dairy production, from breeding and farm management to dairy processing and packaging. It is the most influential dairy producing and processing activity in China, attracting international and domestic industry players from across the entire dairy supply chain. Wisconsin dairy genetic companies, animal health and nutrition companies, feed companies, feeding system and feed processing companies, manure waste treatment companies, dairy farm management companies, dairy product processing companies, dairy education and training providers are encouraged to exhibit within the Wisconsin Pavilion.

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